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THE PLEDGE REDEEMED.

The platform adopted by the Democratic National Convention in Baltimore four years ago, and upon which Governor Woodrow Wilson was elected president, declared: "We favor the immediate downward revision of the existing high and, in many cases, prohibitive tariff duties." The promise has been fully kept. Mr. Wilson did not wait for the Congress to convene in regular session to begin the work of reforms he had in mind. Instead of procrastinating, the president called an extraordinary session of the law-making body and proceeded to business. Democratic leaders in both branches of congress joined hands with the new chief and after weeks of arduous labor succeeded in placing the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill on the statute books, in accordance with the promises "made and provided."

The Underwood-Simmons bill recognizes the cardinal principle of Democracy which represents that the Federal government has no right or power to impose or collect tariff duties except for the purposes of revenue. The iniquitous tariff taxes imposed by previous Republican administrations were assailed by the Democrats on every platform during the campaign of 1912, and the people registered their emphatic approval of the Democratic position, in the election of Woodrow Wilson as president of the Republic over the protest of tariff barons and trust magnates.

And it is a matter of state pride that Senator Simmons, of our own state, was the accredited representative of the administration throughout the fast and furious struggle which resulted in such a signal triumph for the masses of this country. So it is that a North Carolina statesman shares the honor with another distinguished Southern representative in the enactment of a law which has "unfettered industry and commerce of its control over production, distribution, and prices." A bill which, in a large measure, removes the burden of taxation from necessities and places it upon the luxuries of life. It also provides an income tax and an excise, or corporation income tax which requires the wealthier classes to share the burden of financing the government with the masses of the people. Summarizing:

It reduces by nearly one-half former duties on all foodstuffs.

It places raw wool on the free list.

It reduces by nearly two-thirds former duties on woolen clothing.

Its reductions are greatest on the cheaper articles of wearing apparel.

It reduces by one-third the duties formerly paid on cotton clothing.

It reduces the duties formerly paid on sugar and abolishes the duty entirely in 1916.

It reduces by one-third the duties formerly paid on earthenware and glassware.

It abolishes all duties on meats, fish, dairy products, flour, potatoes, coal, iron ore, lumber and upon many classes of farm machinery and office equipment.

It reduces the duties on practically all articles which enter into the daily life of the average American consumer.

It admits free of duty imports to the value of nearly one hundred and fifty thousand of dollars annually.

Practically all these imports are articles of prime necessity.

It places the heaviest rates of duty upon articles which are luxuries.

It raised a revenue from custom duties of \$270,000,000 for the year 1914.

These deductions, made by Democratic leaders, but feebly express the value to the American consumer that the Underwood-Simmons bill has shown itself to be. On June 30, 1916, there was in the United States Treasury as a balance of revenue yielded by this bill, the stupendous sum of \$236,879,820. Is any further argument needed to prove that the measure, produced by a Democratic congress, is a most gratifying success? Is any further argument needed to show that the Democratic party has kept faith with the people?

PULL FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

Some one who was, perhaps, too lazy, or sluggish, to arouse himself and open the door, says, "Opportunity knocks but once at every man's door. Opportunity is ever knocking at our doors; jostling us on the streets; and elbowing us every day, and is renewed every morning, as fresh as the early morning air, and as cheering as the sun's first beams over the mountain tops. The thing for our people to do is to get acquainted with opportunity, and be on the most friendly terms with such a potentiality for the promotion of prosperity."

When a town begins to understand itself, and get together in a common bond of community interest, it is on a splendidly macadamized highway to growth, development and prosperity. Hendersonville is healthy and happy. Now buy and beautify. Add adornments and attractions to our already beautiful little city—little as compared to larger cities, but bigger than a great many other big cities in possibilities—and show the thousands of visitors within our gates yearly, the esthetic impulse and standards of a truly beautiful town in a really beautiful country.

All growing and prosperous communities have parks. Some we could mention are right now paying fabulous prices for business lots and residential squares to open parks which they had hitherto neglected to do. City parks are not only beautiful adornments, but they are public necessities. The times and the march of progress demand them. Will Hendersonville be in the front rank of this progressive procession?

A proposition is on foot here looking to Hendersonville purchasing the Noterman property, on North Main street, for a city park. A more beautiful piece of property, of about six or seven acres, and one more suited for such a purpose, we venture to say, could not be found anywhere. It is an ideal place for the object in view. Its growth of trees and shrubbery could not be improved upon. Transformed into a park it would be an inspiration, not only to our thousands of summer guests, but to every citizen of Hendersonville as well. Is there anything more dignifying, more creative of self-respect and confidence that the consciousness of having contributed to the common good something worth accepting, keeping, using? The idea should meet the hearty approval and co-operation of every Hendersonvillian. The proposition to buy this property for a public park needs to be spun into a thread of endeavor and laid on the loom of progress as the warp of the new cosmopolitan fabric we are about to weave, for the glory of ourselves and the thousands who visit Hendersonville every recurring summer season, and the generations that are to follow after us.

There is every reason why we should act on the opportunity wisely; every reason why we should have a public park; why we should secure this property; and why the campaign should be taken up at once and waged vigorously to a successful conclusion. Tourists who have visited the summer resorts of the world have given their testimony that there is no other place which can boast the varied beauty of our own Western North Carolina. Here, at Hendersonville, with our unparalleled summer climate; with our supply of pure water; with an already beautiful town where nature has done so much in assisting man to develop; why should we not continue to beautify and adorn, and make still home attractive, and make for Hendersonville thousands and thousands of new friends, who would fall under the spell of her municipal beauty and the charm of these valleys, hills and mountains?

With this Noterman property—this beauty spot—for a park, and with all the advantages for comfort and enjoyment right here for homefolks and visitors, there is nothing but indifference to prevent us from realizing heavily upon this newly acquired asset of ours. To this end imagination

leads the way, and the history of great periods of growth and progress promises that it will be done.

NOTHING TO IT.

Republican spellbinders who are trying to make political capital out of what they term the "head-over-heels" indebtedness of the state of North Carolina, will perhaps be interested to know that there are five counties in the state each of which has a bonded indebtedness equal to or larger than the net indebtedness of the state. These are Wake including Raleigh; Buncombe, including Asheville; Forsyth, including Winston-Salem; Mecklenburg, including Charlotte; New Hanover, including Wilmington. The city of Charlotte alone has a bonded indebtedness of \$189,800 more than the net bonded indebtedness of North Carolina, and the most progressive citizens of Charlotte are not kicking. In fact this indebtedness is not considered excessive as compared with other cities of its size and progressiveness. Surely the government of the State of North Carolina is being conducted on a very economical basis considering the many public improvements being made.

We appreciate the interest of our readers in helping us make the Hustler an ideal county paper and also wish to express our thanks for the many compliments on the paper that we are receiving these days. All personals and local items sent in by our subscribers are a great help and go a long way toward making the paper what we want it to be.

The Hustler acknowledges receipt of a copy of the North Carolina Democratic Hand Book for 1916. The book contains information that should be instilled in the minds of every voter in the state and is a convincing argument for the continued reign of Democracy in our grand old state. The book contains 240 pages and is a credit to the compilers.

One of the most interesting exchanges that comes to our desk is the Titusville (Fla.) East Coast Advocate. It is made especially conspicuous because it is printed on pink paper. Besides this its news and special features are highly entertaining.

Josephus Daniels, our secretary of the navy, has been taking some flings at his critics in his speeches made up in the New England states. Go at 'em, Josephus, they need calling down, because their attacks all grow out of a jealous disposition.

Wilmington and Spencer are said to be the only towns in this State that will celebrate labor day, but we want it understood that every day is labor day with us.

After all, the pleasure of work is greatly increased when one knows that his efforts are appreciated by others.

Try an ad in the Hustler. Our ads are the best show windows in town.

Our town is a good town. Boost it wherever you go.

Hendersonville needs more extensive advertising.

PRESS COMMENT.

THE DAM QUESTION.

Statesville Landmark.
It is stated that the commissioners of Henderson county will seek to recover damages from Mr. George Stephens of Charlotte, on account of the destruction of bridges as a result of the breaking of the dam at Kanuga Lake during the recent flood; and they may seek to prevent the restoration of the dam. Mr. Stephens says he will rebuild the dam and in this he is backed by the Hendersonville citizens who are interested in the promotion of the resort features of the town. The recent breaking of the dam at Lake Toxaway and other dams at mountain resorts resulted in some damage. The Landmark repeats an opinion heretofore expressed—that some authority ought to be provided to pass on the building of these dams. The duty of inspection might be placed with the State Highway Commission. Too much is involved to allow the dams to be constructed without some responsible supervision.

LAKE HAS MEANT MUCH.

Sylvan Valley News.
Along with the news that Kanuga lake will be restored comes the announcement that the Henderson county commissioners have authorized the county attorney to institute suit against the lake owners for damages done to county bridges. The Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce has resolved against such, which does seem very small for a county, taking into consideration what the lake has meant in dollars and attraction for Henderson county.

HELP COUNTED.

News & Observer.
It has been help, that counted which has been given to Western North Carolina people who suffered from the flood. The good work should go on till all destitution is relieved. Those who have not yet contributed should get in line with the helpers.

A COLUMN-OF-TICKLERS.

An Easy Problem.

Teacher—If a farmer sold 500 bushels of wheat for \$1.17 a bushel, what would he get?
Boy—An automobile.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

The Vital Question.

In 1915—"How many miles will it go an hour?"
In 1916—"How many miles will it go on a gallon of gasoline?"—Exchange.

Scientific Staff.

A jolly young chemist tough,
While mixing a carload of stuff,
Dropped a match in a vial
And after awhile
They found his front tooth and one cuff.

As His Father Saw It.

Said the teacher to the little Hebrew boy:
"Ikey, is the world flat or round?"
"It ain't needer vun, teacher," said Ikey.
"But what is it, Ikey," asked the teacher in surprise, "if it is neither round nor flat?"
"Vell," said Ikey with conviction, "mine fadder he says it vos crooked."—Exchange.

First Landlady—I manage to keep my boarders longer than you do.

Second Landlady—"Oh, I don't know. You keep them so thin that they look longer than they really are."—The Pathfinder.

A minister meeting a parishioner of his who had been quite recently married, and about whose domestic happiness terrible stories were rife, saluted him and said:
"Well, John, and how is all going on?"

"Oh, happy enough," returned John. "I'm glad to hear it. You know there were rumors of rows or—"

"Rows?" said John. "Oh, yes, there are plenty of rows; whenever she sees me she catches the first thing at hand, a dish or anything, and fires it at me. If she hits me, she's happy; if she doesn't, I am. Oh, we're getting on fine."

The Mystery Explained.

"Why is it," queried the stranger within the gates, "that so many of the men in this village seem to have an ingrown grudge against the minister?"

"Well, it's like this, stranger," answered the postmaster. "he's been here for nearly fifty years and has performed the marriage ceremony of most of them."

Struck the Wrong Place.

"Say," queried the tough-looking hobo at the kitchen door, "where's de guy wot lives here?"

"Oh," answered the farmer's wife, who was evidently wiser than her home-grown complexion would seem to indicate, "he's back of the barn burying a tramp the dog chewed up this morning. Wait a second and I will call him."

But by the time she reached the door the unwashed hobo was headed down the pike, beating it at an aeroplane gait.

Deserves It.

"There goes a pious man."

"Everyone says so."

"A mansion is reserved for him in the skies."

"I truly hope so. I overheard him just now in a real estate office pleading with his landlord to patch his roof."

Facts in the Case.

Said He—Were they divorced because of a misunderstanding?

Said She—No; because they understood each other too well, I believe.

Good Singing.

"This quartet is splendid."

"Yes," answered the low-browed person. "It's great, I thought once or twice the bass was going to be a few seconds late with that comedy stuff, but he was right on time."

Ambitious Plans.

"Are you prepared to do anything for the heathen?" asked the mission worker.

"I should say we are!" answered the capitalist, proudly. "We've sent some of our best salesmen to China, and I predict that in a short while hundreds of well-to-do Chinese will be enjoying rides in the best motor car made in America."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

I am sorry for men who do not read the Bible every day; I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and of the pleasure. There is no other book that yields its meaning so personally, that seems to fit itself so intimately to the very spirit that is seeking its guidance.—Woodrow Wilson.

BOYS WEAKER THAN GIRLS.

In view of the number of men killed by the war, the result of a study now being made by an English physician is rather pessimistic as regards the future masculine supremacy of the race. For a period covering nearly five years his study indicates that the mortality of boys under a year of age has been from 123 to 125, as compared with 100 for girl babies. Notwithstanding the fact that at birth boys have the advantage of four to five ounces of weight over the average girl baby, they have less resistant power and are therefore less able to throw off disease. The reports upon babies born since the war are incomplete, but they indicate that while the number of boys born is considerably in excess of the girls, the number who survive their first year is so much less that there is no hope of the men of the next generation equaling the number of women.

Hendersonville needs more manufacturing plants.

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TAR HEEL NEWS

Thomas Stroup of Gastonia, is manufacturing violins.

A Morris plan bank is proposed for Wilson.

A new addition is being planned for for Davenport college at Lenoir.

Work has been started on additional paving for Concord streets.

Buglers have created some excitement at Spencer lately.

A beautifully carved Indian vase of rare type was uncovered near Albemarle last week.

Last week the secretary of state chartered a bank at Hollister and one at Wilmington.

Raymond Wilson, a Lincoln county youth was drowned last week while bathing in South Fork river.

Slight earthquake shocks were felt in Iredell and Catawba counties Saturday.

There is a fine outlook in Surry county for a big crop of tobacco, corn and apples.

Two distilleries were raided in the Balsam mountains by Asheville revenue officers last week.

Fifty pounds of dye was received in Rockingham a few days ago for which was paid \$52 per pound.

There will be twenty-five county and district fairs in North Carolina from September 26 to November 15.

The first bale of new cotton was sold at Lumberton Thursday for 14 cents a pound.

A big old-fashioned barbecue was given the employee of the Shelby Cotton mill Saturday by the mill owners.

Three thousand attended a democratic political rally at Raeford last week.

M. W. Jones, aged 58, of Charlotte, was run over by an automobile and died last Sunday, four days after the accident.

The Young Peoples' Christian Union of the A. R. P. Church was in session at Statesville last week. Will meet at Kings Mountain next year.

A feature of the Democratic campaigning this year will be the formation of clubs of "first voters" in practically all the counties.

Farmers of the Wadesboro section are reported as being discouraged over the cotton crop, which it is said will be only 20 to 50 per cent of normal.

William Brown an engineer on the Southern Railway was killed and G. O. Wilson, fireman, slightly injured in a wreck on the Murphy division Friday.

A political row was precipitated by the distribution of federal relief funds in Catawba county and as a result all road work has been abruptly called off.

Major Robert P. Miller, one of the most genuinely beloved men of Cleveland county, and an able writer, died in Shelby Friday evening, aged 64 years.

After F. M. Bivens and Carl Perry had a fist encounter at Durham recently. Bivens declared that he had travelled 600 miles for the express purpose of beating his opponent up, and they say he did a good job, too.

Five thousand people attended the annual summer picnic at Reidsville last week.

Fire, started by lightning, partially destroyed the Southern Railway's feed house at Spencer last week.

Charles A. Carter, a prominent merchant, was killed near Rocky Mount last Thursday when his automobile was struck by a train.

The Rowan Negro Baptist Association, comprising ten counties of the State, was in session at Salisbury last week.

J. V. Sims, formerly general manager of the Charlotte Observer, has accepted the general managership of the Tampa (Fla.) Evening Times.

Miss Inez Hufham of Raleigh, died suddenly Sunday night under circumstances which indicated suicidal purposes.

Tobacco men of North Carolina and Virginia are enraged over the embargo placed on the weed by Great Britain.

After eluding the officers for 44 years, Andy Wise, wanted in Buncombe county for the murder of John Rogers, was caught at Williamson, W. Va. last week and jailed.

Phillip W. Shaw, a young officer in the Jackson Training School, Concord, was perhaps fatally injured when his clothing caught in the fly wheel of an engine which he was oiling.

John Moyer, a Statesville negro was injured when he fell from a motor truck and died later. Tomatoes weighing five pounds and three ounces each are reported as having been grown in Spencer.

Col. G. M. Yoder of Catawba county celebrated his ninety-first birthday recently. Mr. Yoder is an authority on the history of the original settlers of that county. He still reads without glasses and learned to use a typewriter several years ago.

Howard A. Banks, private secretary to the Secretary of the navy, spent several days in Charlotte recently and told the Observer that attacks made by Northern papers, notably Collier's Weekly on Secretary Daniels, were deliberate distortions of the truth. He defended his chief admirably.

REVIVAL AT EBENEZER.

Moore's Grove School Progressing Nicely—Hendersonville, Route One, Locals.

(Special to The Hustler.)
Hendersonville, Route 1, Aug. 30.—Revival services are being held at the Ebenezer church by Rev. Mr. Pratt. Rev. Mr. Corn filled his place Sunday while he was gone to fill an appointment at Tryon.

The Moore's Grove school is progressing nicely. Melton Pittillo and Miss Plank are the teachers. Oval and Hix Lamb attended the baptizing at Dana Sunday.

A party will be given to the Ebenezer Sunday School at the home of Mrs. Gilreath next Friday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock.

P. P. Williams and son of Point Lookout, were in this section last Saturday.

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